

Supplemental material – Supporting Information

Risk factors in the first 1000 days of life associated with childhood obesity: a systematic review and risk factor quality assessment.

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Table S1. Handling of the JBI criteria.		
	Reliable	Unreliable
Exposure measurements	Obtained from medical records Obtained from visits at research centres Obtained from interviews	Self-reported Self-reported questionnaires
Outcome measurements	Obtained from medical records Obtained from visits at research centres Obtained from interviews	Self-reported Self-reported questionnaires
Confounding	Adjustment for at least: - Socio-economic status/ income/educational level - Maternal BMI - Ethnicity - Parity - Maternal smoking during pregnancy In case the investigated exposure is a birth-related characteristics: additional adjustment for: - Gestational age or birth weight (depending on characteristic)	Not adjusted for (one or more) of the confounders stated in the reliable column
Follow-up	At least 5 years of follow-up to ensure enough time between the exposure and the outcome to develop*. From childhood onwards, there is a high risk for obesity to track into adulthood ^{13,14}	Less than 5 years
Loss to follow-up	Loss to follow-up < 20% In case of more than 20% loss to follow up: statistical approaches as inverse probability weighting, censoring weights, non-response analysis	Loss to follow-up >20% and no statistical approaches used such as inverse probability weighting, censoring weights, non-response analysis
Statistical approach	Regression analyses (or other appropriate methods) adjusted for appropriate covariates	Qualitative/ correlation without any covariate adjustments.

Table S2. Criteria template for quality assessment of the risk factors.

	Methodological aspects (excluding study design)		Reflect/mark the study objective	Modifiable		Prediction
Levels	Reproducibility, accuracy, standardization, stability (quality of the sample) and technical variation	Biological variation	A change in the marker is linked with a change in the endpoint in one or more target population(s)	Theoretically modifiable	Intervention studies	
Very strong (+++)	Marker is highly reproducible (intra class correlation coefficient >0.9) and accurate (less than 1% deviation from 'correct' value), assay is highly standardized, sample is stable or can easily be made stable	Minimal variation and relevant effects highly superior to variation: effects likely to be observed between groups of tens of individuals	Generally, accepted marker (marker changes consistently linked with a change in the endpoint)	The risk factor is modifiable on an individual level and implementation of modifications in daily life is easy	A systematic review on intervention on this risk factor has been conducted and shows a positive effect of modification on the risk factor and outcome	>80% of moderate or high quality papers report an association in the same direction and at least 5 publications
Strong (++)	Marker is reproducible and accurate enough to detect biological meaningful changes, assay is standardized, sample is stable or can be made stable	High variation explainable (for example, circadian cycle, age, sex, BMI, ethnicity and genotype) and possible to correct it and relevant effects reproducibly superior to variation: effects likely to be observed between groups of fifties to hundreds of individuals	Described as a cause- and effect relationship, but not (yet) generally accepted as a marker, due to a lack of (specific) studies	The risk factor is modifiable on an individual level and implementation of modifications in daily life is complicated	Multiple intervention studies have been conducted showing a potential positive effect of modification on the risk factor and outcome	>65% of moderate or high quality papers report an association in the same direction and at least 5 publications
Medium (+)	Marker is reproducible and accurate enough for specific applications, assay is somewhat standardized and needs to be extensively processed or analysed fast	High variation explainable (for example, circadian cycle, age, sex, BMI, ethnicity and genotype) and possible to correct it and relevant effects reproducibly close to variation: effects may be observed between groups of fifties to hundreds of individuals	Body of evidence suggesting correlation, but cause and effect not established	Modification of the risk factor is not possible on an individual level and requires political, governmental, or medical interventions	There is some evidence of potential effect of intervention on the risk factor and/or outcome, but literature is controversial	>50% of moderate or high quality report an association in the same direction or less than 5 publications
Low (0)	Reproducibility and accuracy of the marker, standardization of the assay and stability of the sample are either poor or not properly documented	High and unexplained variation in a short time span and relevant effects likely to be observed between groups of thousands of individuals	Plausible hypothesis, in use as an exploratory marker, but no substantial body of evidence yet.	The risk factor is not modifiable	No intervention studies have been conducted, or no potential effect of modification has been found	No consistent effect

Table S3. Associations of each early-life risk factor with childhood obesity per critical period.					
Author	Year	Country	Exposure (sub)	Prevalence Obesity (%)	Association
Preconception					
Physical					
<i>Maternal prepregnancy weight/BMI continuous</i>					
*Brophy	2009 ²¹	UK	Maternal prepregnancy weight	5.8	Positive
*Chivers	2012 ²²	Australia	Maternal prepregnancy BMI	7.8	Positive
*Dhana	2018 ²³	USA	BMI	9.1	Positive
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Prepregnancy BMI	12.4	Positive
*Fisch	1975 ²⁵	USA	Maternal height; Maternal weight; Maternal BMI	5.5	Positive; Positive; Positive
*Gittner	2013 ²⁶	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	-	Positive
Groth	2017 ²⁷	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	21.4	Positive
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Prepregnancy weight	26.6	None
*Hunt	2022 ²⁸	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	13.1	Positive
*Kjaer	2019 ²⁹	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	37.0	Positive
*LaGasse	2011 ³⁰	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	21.6	Positive
*Li	2011 ³³	USA	Prepregnancy weight	18.0	Positive
*Mehta	2012 ³¹	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	-	Positive
*O'Connor	2020 ³²	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	17	Positive
Ouyang	2016 ³⁴	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	6.4	Positive
*Palma dos Reis	2022 ³⁵	Portugal	Prepregnancy weight	?	Positive
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Danmark	Prepregnancy BMI	2.4	Positive
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Prepregnancy BMI	10.9	None
*Wang	2022 ³⁶	China	Maternal prepregnancy BMI	10.8	Positive
*Widen	2016 ³⁸	USA	Maternal prepregnancy BMI	22	Positive
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Maternal prepregnancy BMI;	24.9	None
Zhang	2022 ³⁹	China	Maternal prepregnancy weight	??	Positive
<i>Maternal prepregnancy overweight/obesity</i>					
*Flores	2013 ⁸²	USA	Mother severely obese prepregnancy	5.7	Positive
*Gaillard	2013 ¹⁹⁷	Netherlands	Maternal obesity prepregnancy	8.1	Positive
Hinkle	2012 ²⁰¹	USA	Prepregnancy obesity	15.8	Positive
*Hu	2019 ⁸⁵	USA	Prepregnancy overweight/obesity	16.6	Positive
*Janjua	2012 ¹¹⁸	USA	Prepregnancy BMI overweight/obese	9.6	Positive

Leonard	2017 ²⁰⁵	USA	Prepregnancy overweight + excessive weight gain; Prepregnancy obesity + excessive weight gain	18.0-24.0	Positive
*Navarro	2020 ⁶⁹	Ireland	Prepregnancy BMI >30	8.8-29.3	Positive
*Reilly	2005 ⁴³	UK	Maternal BMI >30 kg/m2	8.6	Positive
*Whitaker	1998 ⁴⁹	USA	Maternal prepregnancy obesity	20	Positive
Paternal prepregnancy overweight/obesity					
*Reilly	2005 ⁴³	UK	Paternal BMI >30 kg/m2	8.6	Positive
Lifestyle					
Smoking					
*Dhana	2018 ²³	USA	Smoking	9.1	Positive
*Sharma	2008 ⁴⁴	USA	Smoking	14.6	Positive
Diet					
*Dhana	2018 ²³	USA	Healthy diet	9.1	None
Gete	2021 ⁴⁵	Australia	Higher healthy eating index	3.3	None
Physical activity					
*Dhana	2018 ²³	USA	Exercise	9.1	None
Noda	2022 ⁴⁶	Japan	Maternal physical activity	9.5	None
Pregnancy and birth					
Birth anthropometrics					
Birth weight continuous					
*Brophy	2009 ²¹	UK	Birth weight	5.8	Positive
*Donkor	2017 ⁶²	Norway	Birth weight	3.5	None
*Fisch	1975 ²⁵	USA	Birth weight	5.5	Positive
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Birth weight	12.4	Positive
*Gillman	2003 ¹⁰⁶	USA	Birth weight	6.7	Positive
*Heerman	2019 ¹³⁰	USA	Birth weight	34.5	None
*Kjaer	2019 ²⁹	USA	Birth weight	37.0	Positive
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Birth weight	?	Positive
*Mardones	2008 ¹⁰⁸	Chile	Birth weight	17.9	Positive
Mardones	2014 ¹⁰⁷	Chile	Birth weight	16.0	Positive
*Monteiro	2003 ¹³³	Brazil	Birth weight	7.7	None
*O'Connor	2020 ³²	USA	Birth weight	17	Positive
Parker	2012 ¹⁰⁹	USA	Birth weight	9	Positive
*Reilly	2005 ⁴³	UK	Birth weight	8.6	Positive
*Roy	2015 ¹⁶⁷	USA	Birth weight	17	None
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Birth weight	21	Positive
*Shehadeh	2008 ¹⁴³	Israel	Birth weight	-	None

*Shi	2013 ⁶⁰	Canada	Birth weight	13	Positive
*Simpson	2017 ¹³⁴	UK	Birth weight	4.0-6.4	None
*Skledar	2015 ¹¹¹	Croatia	Birth weight	17.8	Positive
*Taveras	2009 ²¹⁰	USA	Birth weight for length score	9	None
*Turner	2021 ¹¹²	UK	Birth weight	4	Positive
Vehapoglu	2017 ¹¹³	Turkey	Birth weight	7.8	Positive
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Birth weight	10.9	Positive
*Von Kries	2002 ⁷²	Germany	Birth weight	2.2-8.5	Positive
*Wang	2022 ³⁶	China	Birth weight	10.8	Positive
Zarrati	2013 ¹²⁸	Iran	Birth weight	5.3	None
*Zhou	2011 ¹⁰⁴	China	Birth weight	3.5	Positive
Birth length continuous					
*Donkor	2017 ⁶²	Norway	Birth length	3.5	None
*Mardones	2008 ¹⁰⁸	Chile	Birth length	17.9	Negative
Mardones	2014 ¹⁰⁷	Chile	Birth length	16.0	None
*Shehadeh	2008 ¹⁴³	Israel	Birth length	-	None
*Skledar	2015 ¹¹¹	Croatia	Birth length	17.8	Positive
Low birth weight/small-for-gestational age					
Chen	2019b ¹²⁶	China	Low birth weight (<2500 g)	8.0	Positive
*Chiasson	2016 ¹¹⁴	USA	Low birth weight	9.9	Negative
De Sousa	2013 ¹¹⁵	Brazil	Low birth weight	22.0	None
*Eid	1970 ¹²⁹	UK	Low birth weight	7.7	Negative
Gallo	2016 ¹²⁷	Italy	Small-for-gestational age	12.7-29.1	Positive
*Goodell	2009 ¹⁶⁵	USA	Low birth weight	18.0	None
Hack	2014 ²⁰⁰	USA	Extreme low birth weight	12.0-21.0	None
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Low birth weight <2500 g	26.6	Negative
Kapral	2018 ¹¹⁹	USA	Low birth weight <2500 g	12.0-6.5	None
*LaGasse	2011 ³⁰	USA	Small-for-gestational age	21.6	Negative
*Lawrence	2016 ¹²¹	USA	Low birth weight	14.3-36.4	None
*Li	2011 ³³	USA	Low birth weight	18.0	Negative
*Monteiro	2003 ¹³³	Brazil	Small-for-gestational age (<P10)	7.7	None
*Ochoa	2007 ¹⁶¹	Spain	Birth weight (<2800 g)	-	None
Ouyang	2016 ³⁴	USA	Small-for-gestational age	6.4	Negative
*Reynolds	2014 ⁵⁹	Ireland	Birth weight (<2500 g versus ≥2500 g)	6.6	None
*Rooney	2011 ⁵⁸	USA	Birth weight < 7pounds	22.6-29.6	None
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Denmark	Small-for-gestational age	2.4	Negative
*Sartorius	2020 ¹²⁴	South Africa	Birth weight <2500 g	15.1	Negative
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Intra-uterine growth restriction	21	Positive

Zarrati	2013 ¹²⁸	Iran	Low birth weight (<2500 g)	5.3	Positive
High birth weight/large-for-gestational age					
*Chiasson	2016 ¹¹⁴	USA	High birth weight (>4000 g)	9.9	Positive
De Sousa	2013 ¹¹⁵	Brazil	High birth weight	22.0	Positive
Gu	2012 ¹¹⁶	China	Macrosomia (>4000 g)	11.4	Positive
*He	2000 ¹¹⁷	China	Birth weight >4000 g	-	Positive
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	High birth weight >4000 g	26.6	None
*Huus	2007 ⁴⁷	Sweden	High birth BMI (>95 th percentile)	4.3	Positive
*Janjua	2012 ¹¹⁸	USA	High birth weight (>85 th percentile)	9.6	Positive
Kapral	2018 ¹¹⁹	USA	High birth weight >4500 g	12.0-6.5	Positive
*Kato	2014 ¹²⁰	Japan	Obesity at birth	5.6-8.4	Positive
*Lawrence	2016 ¹²¹	USA	High birth weight	14.3-36.4	Positive
*Loaiza	2011 ¹²²	Chile	Macrosomia (>4000 g)	14.6	Positive
*Mehta	2012 ³¹	USA	Large-for-gestational age	-	Positive
Ouyang	2016 ³⁴	USA	Large-for-gestational age	6.4	Positive
Pan	2019 ¹²³	China	Macrosomia	5.4	Positive
*Rooney	2011 ⁵⁸	USA	Birth weight > 8.5 pounds	22.6-29.6	Positive
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Denmark	Large-for-gestational age	2.4	Positive
*Sartorius	2020 ¹²⁴	South Africa	Birth weight >4000 g	15.1	Positive
*Toschke	2002 ¹²⁵	Czech Republic	Birth weight > 4000 g	3.8	Positive
Gestational age at birth continuous					
*Chen	2017 ⁵⁰	Taiwan	Gestational age	14.7	None
*Heerman	2019 ¹³⁰	USA	Gestational age at birth	34.5	None
*McCorry	2012 ¹³¹	Ireland	Gestational age	6.6	None
*O'Connor	2020 ³²	USA	Gestational age	17	None
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Gestational age	10.9	None
*Mardones	2008 ¹⁰⁸	Chile	Gestational age	17.9	Negative
Preterm birth					
Alves	2016 ¹³²	Brazil	Preterm birth	12.7	None
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Gestational age <33 wks; Gestational age <36 wks	?	Positive; None;
*Monteiro	2003 ¹³³	Brazil	Gestational age (<37 wks)	7.7	None
*Reynolds	2014 ⁵⁹	Ireland	Preterm birth (only ≤32 wks)	6.6	Negative
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Preterm birth	11-13	None
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Preterm birth	21	Positive
Late-term birth					
*Chen	2017 ⁵⁰	Taiwan	Late-term ≥ 42 wks	14.7	Positive
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Gestational age >42 wks	?	None

Foetal growth					
Parker	2012 ¹⁰⁹	USA	Estimated foetal growth	9	Positive
*Turner	2021 ¹¹²	UK	Estimated foetal growth	4	Positive
Placental weight					
Ouyang	2016 ³⁴	USA	Placental weight	6.4	Positive
Pregnancy complications					
Mode of Delivery (caesarean section)					
Carrillo-Larco	2015 ⁹¹	Peru	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	0.7 – 1.1	Positive
*Chen	2017 ⁵⁰	Taiwan	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	14.7	Positive
Dal'Maso	2022 ⁹²	Brazil	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	8.3	Positive
Flemming	2013 ¹⁰¹	Canada	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	9.8	None
Goldani	2013 ⁹³	Brazil	Mode of delivery (caesarean section); Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	13.0/2.1	Positive; None (two cohorts)
*Hawkins	2019 ⁶⁶	USA	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	12.4 – 13.2	Positive
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	26.6	None
Huh	2012 ⁹⁴	USA	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	9.2	Positive
*Lavin	2018 ⁹⁵	Vietnam	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	4.1	Positive
Masukume	2019a ¹⁰²	New Zealand	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	8.6	None
Mueller	2015 ⁹⁶	USA	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	25.2	Positive
Pei	2014 ⁹⁷	Germany	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	11	Positive (only 2 y)
Ralphs	2021 ¹⁰³	UK	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	5.2	None
Rifas-Shiman	2021 ¹⁰⁵	Belarus	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	3.8 – 5.9	None
*Rooney	2011 ⁵⁸	USA	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	22.6-29.6	Positive
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Danmark	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	2.4	Positive
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	11-13	None
Si	2022 ⁹⁸	China	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	3.8	Positive
Sitarik	2020 ⁹⁹	USA	Mode of delivery (planned caesarean section)	20.3	Positive
Yuan	2016 ¹⁰⁰	USA	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	13	Positive
*Zhou	2011 ¹⁰⁴	China	Mode of delivery (caesarean section)	3.5	None
Gestational diabetes					
*Chen	2017 ⁵⁰	Taiwan	Gestational diabetes	14.7	Positive
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Gestational diabetes	12.4	None
*Flores	2013 ⁸²	USA	Gestational diabetes	5.7	Positive
*Gillman	2003 ¹⁰⁶	USA	Gestational diabetes	6.7	None
Hakanen	2016 ⁸³	Finland	Gestational diabetes	3.0-12.8	Positive
*Hawkins	2019 ⁶⁶	USA	Gestational diabetes	12.4 – 13.2	Positive

Herath	2020 ⁸⁴	Sri Lanka	Hyperglycaemia in pregnancy	3.2 – 5.7	Positive
*Hu	2019 ⁸⁵	USA	Gestational diabetes	16.6	Positive
Lowe	2018 ⁸⁶	USA	Gestational diabetes	8.2	Positive
Lowe	2019 ⁸⁷	Thailand; Barbados; USA; UK; China; Israel; Canada	Fasting glucose; 1 h glucose; 2 h glucose; HbA1c	12.3	Positive; Positive; Positive; Positive
*Mehta	2012 ³¹	USA	Gestational diabetes	?	None
Nehring	2013 ⁸⁸	Germany	Gestational diabetes	2.6	Positive
Ouyang	2016 ³⁴	USA	Gestational diabetes	6.4	Positive
Pettitt	1983 ⁸⁹	USA	Gestational diabetes	-	Positive
Pettitt	1998 ⁹⁰	USA	Glucose during pregnancy	-	Positive (at 5-9 y)
Pitchika	2018 ²⁰⁹	USA, Finland, Germany, Sweden	Gestational diabetes; Diabetes type 1 Diabetes type 2	5.7	None; Negative (only 6 y) None
*Roy	2015 ¹⁶⁷	USA	Gestational diabetes	17	None
Thaware	2015 ²¹¹	UK	Gestational diabetes	12.7	None
*Whitaker	1998 ⁴⁹	USA	Gestational Diabetes	20	None
Wright	2009 ²¹⁶	USA	Gestational Diabetes	9.3	None
Wroblewska-Senuik	2009 ²¹⁷	Poland	Gestational Diabetes	13	None
Preeclampsia					
*Palma dos Reis	2022 ³⁵	Portugal	Preeclampsia	?	None
Infection					
Li	2020 ²⁰⁷	USA	Infection without antibiotic use vs control	16.2-21.1	Positive
Antibiotic use					
Li	2020 ²⁰⁷	USA	Antibiotic use (with or without infection)	16.2-21.1	None
Margetaki	2022 ¹⁸⁰	Greece	Prenatal antibiotics use	7.8-12.0	None (4 y); Positive (6 y)
Mueller	2015 ⁹⁶	USA	Use of antibiotics	25.2	Positive
Sakurai	2022 ¹⁷⁹	Japan	Antibiotic use (in 2 nd or 3 rd trimester)	9.4	Positive (only in females)
Wang	2018 ¹⁸¹	USA	Antibiotic use	8.9 (4y) 4.6 (7y)	None (4y) Positive (7y, 2 nd trimester)
Cord blood biomarkers					
*Donahue	2011 ⁷⁵	USA	Higher DHA+EPA/n-3 fatty acids; Higher n-6:n-3 ratio/AA:DHA + EPA ratio/LA:ALA ratio	9.4	Negative; Positive
*Simpson	2017 ¹³⁴	UK	Leptin Adiponectin	4.0-6.4	None

Sorrow	2019 ¹³⁵	USA	Metabolomics	-	Positive/negative
Sociodemographic					
Maternal age					
*Chen	2017 ⁵⁰	Taiwan	Age mother at birth	14.7	None
*Donkor	2017 ⁶²	Norway	Age mother at birth	3.5	None
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Maternal age at birth	12.4	None
*Fisch	1975 ²⁵	USA	Age mother at birth	5.5	Positive
*Flores	2013 ⁸²	USA	Maternal age at birth	5.7	None
*Gittner	2013 ²⁶	USA	Age	-	None
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Age	26.6	None
*Hunt	2022 ²⁸	USA	Age	13.1	Negative
*Huus	2007 ⁴⁷	Sweden	Maternal age	4.3	None
*Kjaer	2019 ²⁹	USA	Age	37.0	None
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Age	?	None
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Maternal age at birth	11-13	Positive
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Maternal age	10.9	None
*Wallby	2017 ¹⁵⁴	Sweden	Maternal age	1.9	None
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Maternal age	24.9	None
Paternal age					
*Fisch	1975 ²⁵	USA	Age father at birth	5.5	Positive
*Huus	2007 ⁴⁷	Sweden	Paternal age	4.3	None
Maternal education					
*Chivers	2012 ²²	Australia	Education (lower)	7.8	Positive
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Maternal educational level	12.4	None
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Education (lower)	26.6	None
*Hunt	2022 ²⁸	USA	Education	13.1	None
*Kjaer	2019 ²⁹	USA	Education	37.0	None
*Loaiza	2011 ¹²²	Chile	Finished elementary school	14.6	Negative
*Mardones	2008 ¹⁰⁸	Chile	Education (>8 years)	17.9	Positive
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Denmark	Maternal education (higher)	2.4	Negative
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Maternal education (higher)	11-13	Negative
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Maternal education (higher)	21	Positive
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Maternal education (higher)	10.9	None
*Wallby	2017 ¹⁵⁴	Sweden	Maternal educational level (lower)	1.9	Positive
*Wen	2022 ⁸¹	USA	Maternal education (lower)	14.9	Positive
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Maternal education (higher)	24.9	Positive
Paternal education					
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Paternal education (lower)	24.9	Positive

Income					
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Denmark	Household income (higher)	2.4	Negative
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Income	10.9	None
*Wen	2022 ⁸¹	USA	Family income (lower)	14.9	Positive
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Income (lower)	24.9	Positive
Maternal social economic status					
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Social class	12.4	None
*Fisch	1975 ²⁵	USA	Socioeconomic index (higher)	5.5	None
*Ingstrup	2012 ²⁰⁴	Denmark	Socioeconomic status (lower)	9.9	Positive
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Social class	?	None
Maternal ethnicity					
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Non-white (African) versus white (Irish, UK, European)	?	None
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Ethnicity (non-white)	21	Negative
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Ethnicity (other than white)	10.9	None
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Ethnicity (non-White)	24.9	Positive;
Parity					
*Frondehus	2018 ⁶⁴	Sweden	Parity	3.0	None
*Gittner	2013 ²⁶	USA	Parity	-	Negative
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Parity	?	None
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Denmark	Parity	2.4	Positive
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Parity	10.9	None
*Wallby	2017 ¹⁵⁴	Sweden	Parity	1.9	None
*Huus	2007 ⁴⁷	Sweden	Parity (any siblings)	4.3	None
*Lavin	2018 ⁹⁵	Vietnam	Multiparous	4.1	Negative
Maternal employment					
*Gittner	2013 ²⁶	USA	Employment (yes)	-	Positive
Maternal relationship status					
*Huus	2007 ⁴⁷	Sweden	Maternal relationship status (single)	4.3	None
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Marital status	10.9	None
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Marital status mother (not married)	24.9	Positive
Lifestyle					
Maternal smoking					
Chen	2006 ⁶¹	USA	Smoking	4.3 – 8.6	Positive
*Chivers	2012 ²²	Australia	Smoking	7.8	Positive
*Donkor	2017 ⁶²	Norway	Smoking	3.5	Positive;
Durmus	2011 ⁶³	Netherlands	Smoking	2.3	Positive
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Smoking	12.4	None

*Fisch	1975 ²⁵	USA	Smoking	5.5	None
*Frondelius	2018 ⁶⁴	Sweden	Smoking	3.0	Positive
Harris	2013 ⁶⁵	USA	Smoking	18.9	Positive
*Hawkins	2019 ⁶⁶	USA	Smoking	12.4 – 13.2	Positive
Horiuchi	2021 ⁴⁸	Japan	Maternal smoking	-	None
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Smoking	26.6	Positive
Ino	2011 ⁶⁷	Japan	Smoking	6.0-16.0	Positive
*Janjua	2012 ¹¹⁸	USA	Smoking	9.6	None
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Smoking	?	Positive
Mizutani	2007 ⁶⁸	Japan	Smoking	2.7	Positive
*Navarro	2020 ⁶⁹	Ireland	Smoking	8.8-29.3	Positive (for 5y)
*O'Connor	2020 ³²	USA	Smoking	17	Positive
*Palma dos Reis	2022 ³⁵	Portugal	Smoking	?	Positive
Power	2002 ⁷⁰	UK	Smoking	-	Positive (only for 16y)
*Reilly	2005 ⁴³	UK	Smoking	8.6	Positive
*Reynolds	2014 ⁵⁹	Ireland	Smoking	6.6	Positive
*Rooney	2011 ⁵⁸	USA	Smoking	22.6-29.6	Positive
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Danmark	Smoking	2.4	Positive
*Sharma	2008 ⁴⁴	USA	Smoking	14.6	Positive
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Smoking	11-13	Positive
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Smoking	21	None
*Shi	2013 ⁶⁰	Canada	Smoking	13	Positive
Suzuki	2009 ⁷¹	Japan	Smoking	3	Positive
*Von Kries	2002 ⁷²	Germany	Smoking	2.2-8.5	Positive
Wang	2014 ⁷³	USA	Smoking	23.2	Positive
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Smoking	24.9	None
Paternal smoking					
Horiuchi	2021 ⁴⁸	Japan	Paternal smoking	-	None
Maternal alcohol					
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Alcohol use	26.6	Negative
*LaGasse	2011 ³⁰	USA	Alcohol	21.6	None
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Alcohol use (light)	?	Negative
*Navarro	2020 ⁶⁹	Ireland	Alcohol use	8.8-29.3	None
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Alcohol use	11-13	Positive
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Alcohol use	21	None
Maternal drugs					
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Drugs use	11-13	None
*Shankaran	2010 ¹¹⁰	USA	Drugs use	21	None

*LaGasse	2011 ³⁰	USA	Cocaine	21.6	Positive
Diet					
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Maternal caloric intake Mediterranean diet	12.4	None None
*Callanan	2021 ⁸⁰	Ireland	Low GI diet	6.5	None
Chen	2019a ⁷⁴	Ireland	Diet, higher GI; Diet, higher GL (glycaemic load); Diet, insulinemic index (II)	5.0	None
*Donahue	2011 ⁷⁵	USA	Diet, more fish/fatty acid/DHA+EPA intake	9.4	Negative
Hakola	2017 ⁷⁶	Finland	Fatty acid intake	2.0 - 10.0	Positive, negative and none
Hu	2020 ⁷⁷	USA	Diet, fast food pattern; Diet, processed food pattern	16.4	Positive; None
Kadawathagedara	2018 ⁷⁸	Norway	Acrylamide intake	0.4-1.6	Positive
Klebanoff	2015 ⁷⁹	USA	Serum paraxantine	6.5	None
Mizutani	2007 ⁶⁸	Japan	Maternal breakfast habit (skipping)	2.7	Positive
*Navarro	2020 ⁶⁹	Ireland	Maternal diet	8.8-29.3	None
Suzuki	2009 ⁷¹	Japan	Diet (skipping breakfast)	3	Positive
Physical activity					
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Physical activity	12.4	None
*Navarro	2020 ⁶⁹	Ireland	Maternal physical activity	8.8-29.3	None
Psychological stress and disorders					
Bryl	2022 ¹⁹⁴	Poland	Maternal stress	5.0	None
*Ingstrup	2012 ²⁰⁴	Denmark	Maternal distress; Anxious; Depressed; Stressed; Worried; Lack of support	9.9	None; None; None; None; Positive; None
*Kjaer	2019 ²⁹	USA	Depression	37.0	Negative
Caffeine					
Li	2015 ²⁰⁶	USA	Caffeine	?	Positive
Sleep duration					
Mizutani	2007 ⁶⁸	Japan	Maternal sleep duration >8h	2.7	Negative
Suzuki	2009 ⁷¹	Japan	Sleep duration (longer)	3	Negative
Fetal musical education					
*Zhou	2011 ¹⁰⁴	China	Fetal musical education (lower)	3.5	Positive
Physical					

Paternal BMI or overweight/obesity					
*Chivers	2012 ²²	Australia	Paternal BMI at birth	7.8	Positive
*Whitaker	1998 ⁴⁹	USA	Paternal obesity	20	Positive
Maternal BMI or overweight/obesity					
*Lavin	2018 ⁹⁵	Vietnam	Maternal overweight/obesity	4.1	Positive
*Wallby	2017 ¹⁵⁴	Sweden	Maternal BMI; Maternal overweight/obesity;	1.9	Positive Positive
Gestational weight gain continuous					
*Chen	2017 ⁵⁰	Taiwan	Gestational weight gain	14.7	Positive
Diesel	2015b ⁵¹	USA	Gestational weight gain	21.0	Positive
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Gestational weight gain	12.4	None
*Fisch	1975 ²⁵	USA	Gestational weight gain	5.5	None
Groth	2017 ²⁷	USA	Gestational weight gain	21.4	Positive
Hivert	2016 ⁵²	USA	Gestational weight gain	12.0	Positive
*Hunt	2022 ²⁸	USA	Gestational weight gain	13.1	Positive
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Gestational weight gain	?	Positive
*Li	2011 ³³	USA	Gestational weight gain	18.0	Positive
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Gestational weight gain	11-13	Positive (only 10y)
Oken	2007 ⁵⁵	USA	Gestational weight gain	9	Positive
Oken	2008 ⁵⁶	USA	Gestational weight gain	6.5	Positive
Oken	2009 ⁵⁷	USA	Gestational weight gain	10	Positive (only women with prepregnancy BMI 25-30)
*Wang	2022 ³⁶	China	Gestational weight gain	10.8	Positive
*Rooney	2011 ⁵⁸	USA	Gestational weight gain	22.6-29.6	Positive
Widen	2016 ³⁸	USA	Gestational weight gain	22	Positive
Excessive gestational weight gain					
Diesel	2015a ¹⁹⁵	USA	Excessive gestational weight gain	16.4	Positive
Ensenauer	2013 ¹⁹⁶	Germany	Excessive gestational weight gain	2.4	Positive
Hu	2019 ⁸⁵	USA	Excessive gestational weight gain	16.6	Positive
Liu	2019 ²⁰⁸	USA	Excessive gestational weight gain	11.0	None
Ouyang	2016 ³⁴	USA	Gestational weight gain (excessive)	6.4	Positive
Inadequate gestational weight gain					
*Liu	2019 ²⁰⁸	USA	Inadequate gestational weight gain	11.0	None
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Gestational weight loss	11-13	Positive (only at 10y)
Ouyang	2016 ³⁴	USA	Gestational weight gain (inadequate)	6.4	Negative
Maternal lipids (standard pregnancy screening)					
Thaware	2018 ²¹²	UK	Lipids	11.1	None

Environmental					
Guo	2020a ¹⁹⁸	China	Urinary bisphenol A	15.8	Positive
Guo	2020b ¹⁹⁹	China	Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (6 metabolites)	8.8	5 None, 1 negative (BDE-154)
Vafeiadi	2015 ²¹³	Greece	Persistent organic pollutants	6.9	Positive
Vafeiadi	2016 ²¹⁴	Greece	Bisphenol A exposure	13.3	Positive
Warner	2013 ²¹⁵	USA	Pesticide exposure (Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane& Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene)	35.6	None
Infancy					
Feeding patterns					
Early solid food introduction					
*Brophy	2009 ²¹	UK	Early solid food introduction (<3 months)	5.8	Positive
*Gittner	2013 ²⁶	USA	Timing of solid food introduction	-	None
Gooze	2011 ¹⁵⁷	USA	Timing of solid food introduction <3 months	17.6	Negative
Huh	2011 ²⁰²	USA	Timing of solid food introduction (among breastfed; <4mnth) Timing of solid food introduction (among formulafed; <4mnth)	9.0	None Positive
Moss	2014 ¹⁴⁰	USA	Timing of solid food introduction	14.3	None
*Reilly	2005 ⁴³	UK	Introduction to solid food	8.6	None
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Introduction to complementary foods 4- <6 months Introduction to complementary foods > 6 months	10.9	None
*Von Kries	2002 ⁷²	Germany	Introduction to solid foods < 4 months	2.2-8.5	None
*Zhou	2011 ¹⁰⁴	China	Solid food introduction (<4 mnth)	3.5	Positive
Breastfeeding (yes/no)					
*Chiasson	2016 ¹¹⁴	USA	Breastfeeding (partial or exclusive)	9.9	Negative
Ehrental	2016 ¹³⁶	USA	Breastfeeding	13.4	Negative
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Breastfeeding	12.4	None
*Gittner	2013 ²⁶	USA	Breastfeeding	-	None
Gooze	2011 ¹⁵⁷	USA	Breastfeeding	17.6	Positive
*Hawkins	2019 ⁶⁶	USA	Breastfeeding	12.4 – 13.2	Negative
*Heerman	2019 ¹³⁰	USA	Breastfeeding	34.5	None
Hildebrand	2022 ¹³⁷	USA	Breastfeeding	13.0	Negative
*Huang	2014 ⁴⁰	USA	Breastfeeding	26.6	Negative
*Hunt	2022 ²⁸	USA	Exclusive breastfeeding 6 months vs not exclusively breastfed for 6 months	13.1	Negative
Huus	2008 ²⁰³	Sweden	Exclusive breastfeeding < 4months vs not exclusively breastfed for 4 months.	4.3	None

Jing	2014 ¹⁵⁹	China	Breastfeeding	4.0	None
Jwa	2014 ¹³⁸	Japan	Exclusive breastfeeding vs formula feeding	1.6 – 2.4	Negative
*Kjaer	2019 ²⁹	USA	Exclusive breastfeeding at 4-6 wks	37.0	None
*Li	2011 ³³	USA	Breastfeeding	18.0	Negative
Mayer-Davis	2006 ¹⁵⁰	USA	Breastfeeding	6.7	None
Metzger	2010 ¹³⁹	USA	Breastfeeding	-	Negative
Michels	2007 ¹⁶⁰	USA	Breastfeeding	21.9	None
Moss	2014 ¹⁴⁰	USA	Breastfeeding	14.3	Negative
*O'Connor	2020 ³²	USA	Breastfeeding until 6 months (vs none)	17	None
Park	2015 ¹⁴¹	Korea	Mixed feeding vs predominantly breast fed	9.8	Positive
Pattison	2019 ¹⁴²	USA	Breastfeeding	10.0	Negative
*Reilly	2005 ⁴³	UK	Breastfeeding	8.6	None
*Seipel	2013 ⁵⁴	USA	Breastfeeding	11-13	Negative
*Shehadeh	2008 ¹⁴³	Israel	Breastfeeding (vs combined and formula)	-	Negative
*Shi	2013 ⁶⁰	Canada	Exclusive breastfeeding for 6 months vs no breastfeeding	13	Negative
*Toschke	2002 ¹²⁵	Czech Republic	Breastfeeding	3.8	Negative
Van Rossem	2011 ¹⁴⁴	USA	Breastfeeding	3.4-9.2	Negative
*Von Kries	2002 ⁷²	Germany	Breastfeeding	2.2-8.5	Negative
*Wang	2017 ¹⁴⁵	USA	Breastfeeding at 1 month	18.4	Negative
Yamakawa	2013 ¹⁴⁶	Japan	Partial or exclusive breastfeeding	2	Negative
Breastfeeding (duration)					
Burdette	2007 ¹⁴⁷	USA	Breastfeeding > 4months	18	Negative
*Donkor	2017 ⁶²	Norway	Breastfeeding duration < 4 months	3.5	Positive
*Fernández-Barrés	2016 ²⁴	Spain	Breastfeeding duration	12.4	None
*Frondelius	2018 ⁶⁴	Sweden	Breastfeeding duration	3.0	None
Gooze	2011 ¹⁵⁷	USA	Breastfeeding duration	17.6	None
Grube	2015 ¹⁴⁸	Germany	Breastfeeding duration >4 months	6.4	Negative
*Heerman	2019 ¹³⁰	USA	Breastfeeding duration	34.5	None
Hildebrand	2022 ¹³⁷	USA	Breastfeeding duration >6 months	13.0	Negative
Hummel	2021 ¹⁴⁹	USA; Finland; Germany; Sweden	Any breastfeeding >6 months; Exclusive breastfeeding >3 months	5.3	Negative; Negative
Izadi	2013 ¹⁵⁸	Iran	Breastfeeding duration	?	None
Jing	2014 ¹⁵⁹	China	Breastfeeding duration	4.0	None
*Layte	2014 ⁵³	Ireland	Breastfeeding duration >6 months	?	Negative
Martin	2013 ¹⁵⁵	Belarus	Breastfeeding duration	5.2	None
Martin	2017 ¹⁵⁶	Belarus	Exclusive Breastfeeding > 3 months	4.4	None
Mayer-Davis	2006 ¹⁵⁰	USA	Breastfeeding duration > 9 months	6.7	Negative
*McCrary	2012 ¹³¹	Ireland	Breastfeeding duration >13 weeks	6.6	Negative

Michels	2007 ¹⁶⁰	USA	Breastfeeding duration	21.9	None
Morovic	2019 ¹⁵¹	Croatia	Breastfeeding < 6 months (vs >6 months)	12.2	Positive
*Ochoa	2007 ¹⁶¹	Spain	Breast feeding > 3 months	-	None
Pattison	2019 ¹⁴²	USA	Breastfeeding duration	10.0	None
*Reynolds	2014 ⁵⁹	Ireland	Breastfeeding >11 weeks	6.6	Negative
Shields	2006 ¹⁶²	Australia	Breastfeeding duration	4.6-6.9	None
*Skledar	2015 ¹¹¹	Croatia	Breastfeeding duration	17.8	None
Tambalis	2018 ¹⁵²	Greece	Breastfeeding duration >1 month	?	Negative
Toschke	2007 ¹⁵³	UK	Breastfeeding duration	6.0	Negative
Van Rossem	2011 ¹⁴⁴	USA	Breastfeeding duration	3.4-9.2	Negative
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Breastfeeding duration >16 weeks	10.9	None
*Wallby	2017 ¹⁵⁴	Sweden	Breastfeeding duration	1.9	Negative
*Wang	2017 ¹⁴⁵	USA	Breastfeeding > 6 months	18.4	None
*Wojcicki	2015 ⁴²	USA	Breastfeeding (in months continuously)	24.9	Negative
Milk formula type					
Jwa	2014 ¹³⁸	Japan	Mixed feeding vs formula feeding	1.6 – 2.4	Negative
Mayer-Davis	2006 ¹⁵⁰	USA	Breastfeeding; predominantly breast; predominantly formula; formula only	6.7	None
Weber	2014 ¹⁸³	Belgium; Germany; Italy; Poland; Spain	High protein formula vs low-protein formula	6.4	Positive
Infant anthropometrics					
BMI/weight					
*Huus	2007 ⁴⁷	Sweden	High BMI 1 year (>95 th percentile)	4.3	Positive
*Taveras	2009 ²¹⁰	USA	Weight for length at 6 months	9	Positive
BMI/weight change					
Aris	2017 ¹⁶³	Singapore	BMI change	7.5	Positive
Aris	2018 ¹⁶⁴	USA; Belarus	Weight change	USA: 12.3; Belarus: 5.0	Positive
*Eid	1970 ¹²⁹	UK	Excessive postnatal weight gain	7.7	Positive
*Goodell	2009 ¹⁶⁵	USA	Rapid postnatal weight gain	18.0	Positive
*Kato	2014 ¹²⁰	Japan	Height change; Weight change	5.6-8.4	None; Positive
*LaGasse	2011 ³⁰	USA	Early weight gain	21.6	Positive
*Li	2011 ³³	USA	Rapid infant weight gain	18.0	Positive
Liu	2017 ¹⁶⁶	USA	Infant BMI trajectory: high as compared to low	11.0	Positive
*Monteiro	2003 ¹³³	Brazil	Weight/height gain in first 24 months	7.7	Positive
*O'Connor	2020 ³²	USA	Weight gain in first 24 months	17	Positive
*Rooney	2011 ⁵⁸	USA	Weight gain in first 4 months	22.6-29.6	Positive

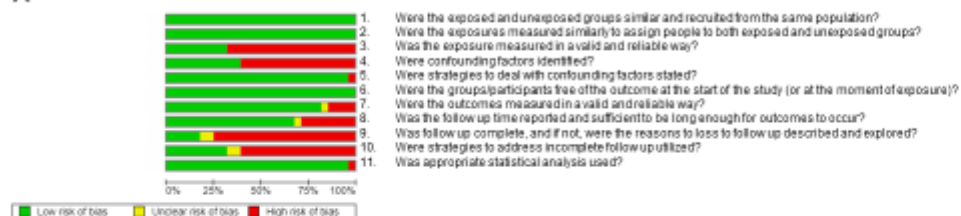
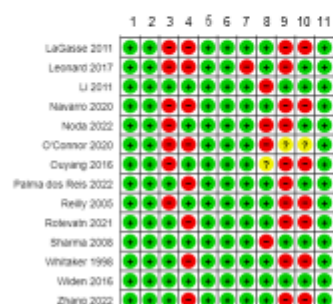
*Rotevatn	2021 ³⁷	Danmark	Infant weight gain (rapid)	2.4	Positive
*Roy	2015 ¹⁶⁷	USA	>= 90 th percentile of weight checks	17	Positive
Smego	2017 ¹⁶⁸	USA	Weight for length in first 24 months	4.5-12	Positive
*Taveras	2011 ¹⁶⁹	USA	Number of crossed major weight-for-length percentiles	13.9	Positive
*Ventura	2020 ⁴¹	USA	Weight for age in first year	10.9	Positive
<i>NICU admission</i>					
*Reynolds	2014 ⁵⁹	Ireland	NICU admission	6.6	None
* When studies examined more than one risk factor, findings for each risk factor were assessed and presented separately. For presentation purposes, directions of effects were harmonized between studies to present summarized results.					

Figure 1a. Risk of Bias assessment, Preconception Case-Control studies

Domain	Low risk of bias (%)	Unclear risk of bias (%)	High risk of bias (%)
1. Were the groups comparable other than the presence of disease in cases or the absence of disease in controls?	100	0	0
2. Were the same criteria used for identification of cases and controls?	100	0	0
3. Was exposure measured in a standard, valid and reliable way?	50	50	0
4. Was exposure measured in the same way for cases and controls?	50	50	0
5. Were confounding factors identified?	0	0	100
6. Were strategies to deal with confounding factors stated?	50	50	0
7. Were outcomes assessed in a standard, valid and reliable way for cases and controls?	50	50	0
8. Was the exposure period of interest long enough to be meaningful?	100	0	0
9. Was appropriate statistical analysis used?	100	0	0



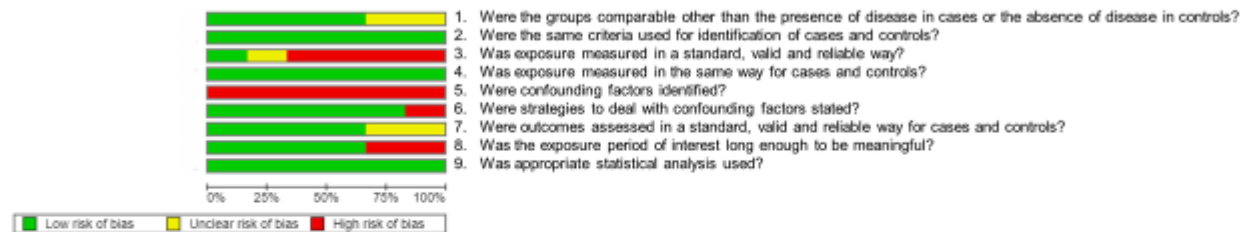
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**Figure 1c. Risk of Assessment. Preconception
Retrospective cohort studies**



Figure 2a. Risk of Bias Assessment. Pregnancy and birth Case-Control studies



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He 2000	?	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+
Honuchi 2021	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Mehta 2012	+	?	+	+	+	+	?	+	+
Ochoa 2007	?	-	+	-	-	+	?	+	+
Sorrow 2019	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+
Zhou 2011	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+

Figure 2b. Risk of Bias Assessment.
Pregnancy and birth RCT studies

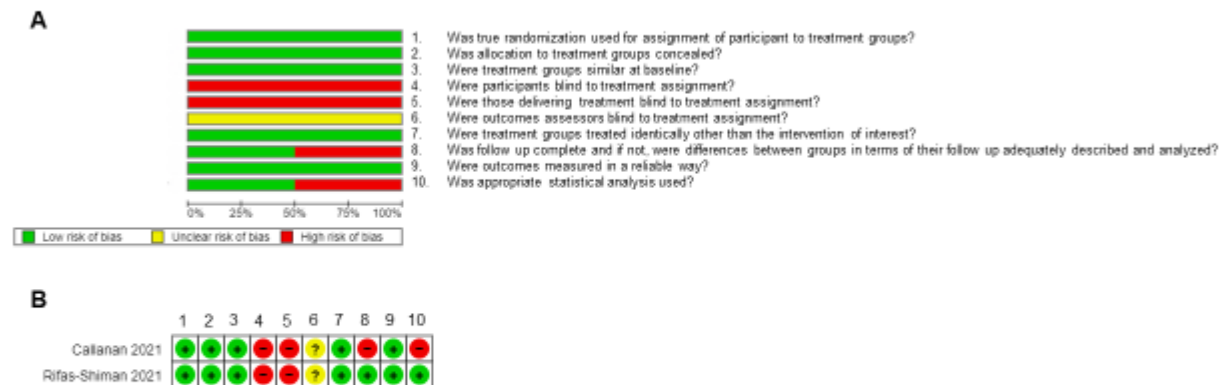
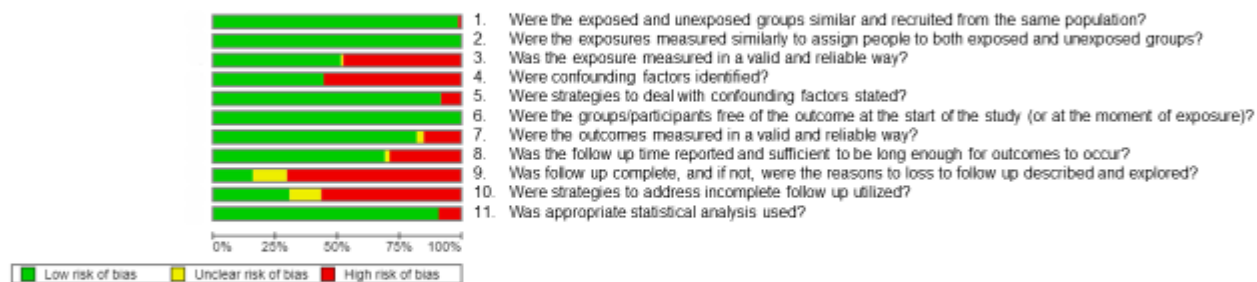


Figure 2c. Risk of Bias Assessment. Pregnancy and birth Prospective cohort studies

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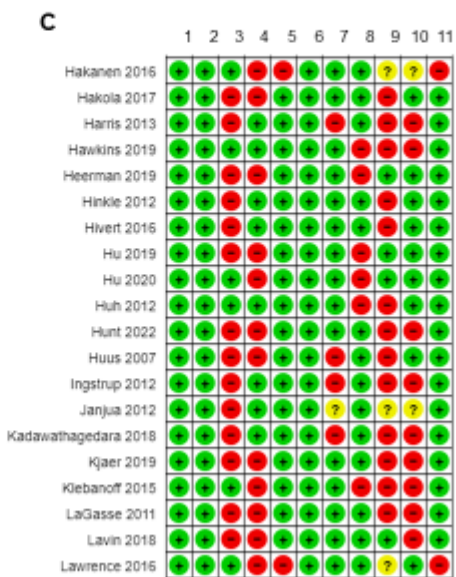
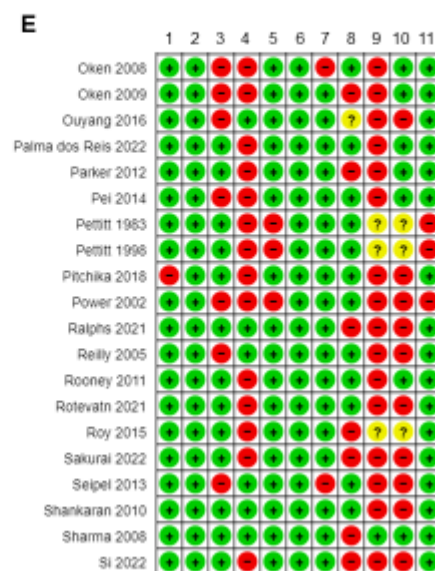
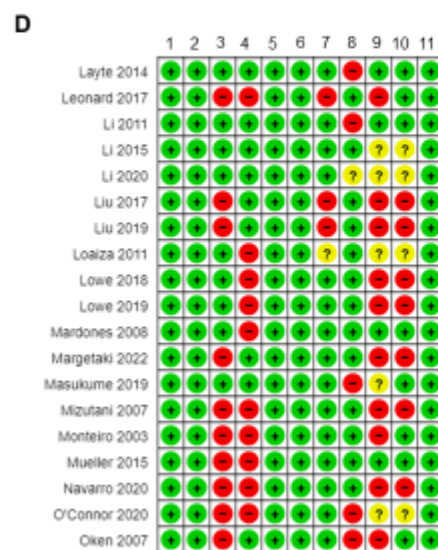


Figure 2c. Risk of Bias
Assessment. Pregnancy and
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Simpson 2017	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Sitank 2020	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)
Skledar 2015	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(Y)	(Y)	(G)
Suzuki 2009	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Taveras 2009	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Thaware 2015	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Thaware 2018	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Vafeiadi 2015	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Vafeiadi 2016	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Venhapoglu 2017	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(Y)	(Y)	(G)
Ventura 2020	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Walby 2017	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(Y)	(Y)
Wang 2014	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Wang 2018	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Warner 2013	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(Y)	(G)
Wen 2022	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Whitaker 1998	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Wilden 2016	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Wright 2009	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(Y)	(G)	(G)	(G)
Zblewska-Seniuk 2009	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(Y)	(Y)	(G)
Yuan 2016	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)
Zhang 2022	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(R)	(G)

Figure 2d. Risk of Bias Assessment. Pregnancy and birth Retrospective cohort studies

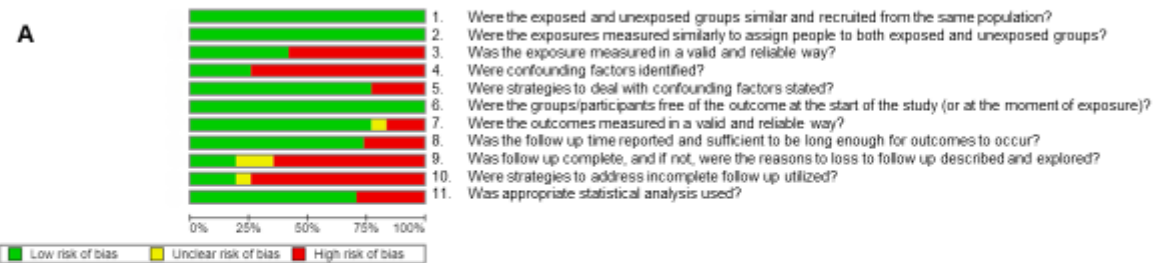
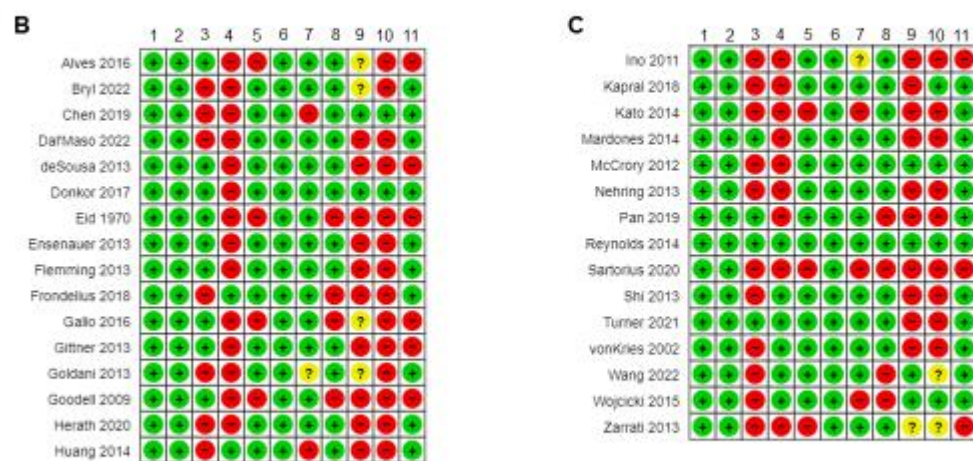


Figure 2e. Risk of Bias Assessment. Pregnancy and birth Retrospective cohort studies



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Item	Question	Risk of Bias
1.	Was true randomization used for assignment of participant to treatment groups?	Low risk of bias
2.	Was allocation to treatment groups concealed?	Low risk of bias
3.	Were treatment groups similar at baseline?	Low risk of bias
4.	Were participants blind to treatment assignment?	Low risk of bias
5.	Were those delivering treatment blind to treatment assignment?	Low risk of bias
6.	Were outcomes assessors blind to treatment assignment?	Unclear risk of bias
7.	Were treatment groups treated identically other than the intervention of interest?	Low risk of bias
8.	Was follow up complete and if not, were differences between groups in terms of their follow up adequately described and analyzed?	Low risk of bias
9.	Were outcomes measured in a reliable way?	Low risk of bias
10.	Was appropriate statistical analysis used?	Low risk of bias

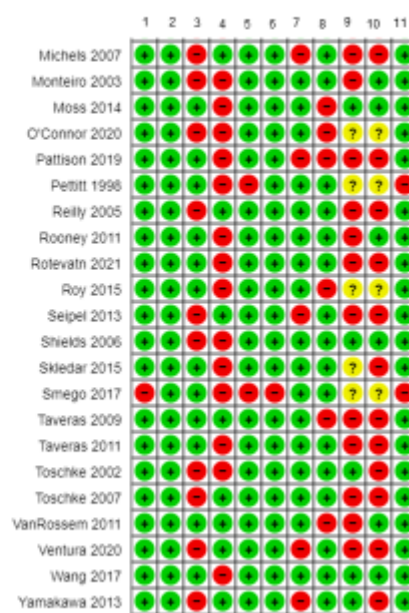


Figure 3c. Risk of Bias
Assessment. Early Infancy
Prospective cohort studies

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Item	Question	Low risk of bias (%)	Unclear risk of bias (%)	High risk of bias (%)
1	Were the exposed and unexposed groups similar and recruited from the same population?	100	0	0
2	Were the exposures measured similarly to assign people to both exposed and unexposed groups?	100	0	0
3	Was the exposure measured in a valid and reliable way?	100	0	0
4	Were confounding factors identified?	25	0	75
5	Were strategies to deal with confounding factors stated?	100	0	0
6	Were the groups/participants free of the outcome at the start of the study (or at the moment of exposure)?	100	0	0
7	Were the outcomes measured in a valid and reliable way?	100	0	0
8	Was the follow up time reported and sufficient to be long enough for outcomes to occur?	75	0	25
9	Was follow up complete, and if not, were the reasons to loss to follow up described and explored?	10	10	80
10	Were strategies to address incomplete follow up utilized?	10	10	80
11	Was appropriate statistical analysis used?	75	0	25

0% 25% 50% 75% 100%

Low risk of bias Unclear risk of bias High risk of bias

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Eid 1970	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Gilmer 2013	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
Goodell 2009	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
Grube 2015	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Izack 2013	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
Mayer-Davis 2006	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
McCrory 2012	Green	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Morovic 2019	Green	Green	Red	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
Park 2015	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red
Reynolds 2014	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Shi 2013	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Tambalis 2016	Green	Green	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red
Wojcicki 2015	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red



Figure S4. Quality assessment of the 23 consistently associated risk factors with childhood obesity*.

Risk factor	Methodological aspects		Reflect/mark the study objective	Prediction	Modifiable	
	Reproducibility, accuracy, standardization, stability and technical variation	Biological variation	A change in the marker is linked with a change in the endpoint in one or more target population(s)		Theoretically modifiable	Intervention studies
Preconception						
Maternal weight	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Maternal overweight/obesity	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Maternal smoking	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Low (0)
Pregnancy and birth						
Birth weight continuous	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
High birth weight/LGA	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Foetal growth	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Cesarean section	Very strong (+++)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Low (0)
Gestational diabetes	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Antibiotic use	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Low (0)
Maternal education	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Low (0)	Medium (+)
Household income	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Maternal smoking	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Sleep duration	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Low (0)
Maternal BMI or obesity	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)
Paternal BMI or obesity	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Low (0)
Gestational weight gain	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Excessive gestational weight gain	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Maternal environmental chemical exposure	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Low (0)
Infancy						
Breastfeeding, yes	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Breastfeeding duration	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
Milk formula content	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
BMI/weight	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)	Medium (+)	Strong (++)	Low (0)
BMI/weight change	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Very strong (+++)	Strong (++)	Strong (++)	Medium (+)
For guideline on the scoring, please see 'Guideline on quality assessment of risk factor'						
Legenda						
Very strong (+++)						
Strong (++)						
Medium (+)						
Low (0)						

*Scores based on table S2